

ABSTRACT

A method of screen printing and laser ablating various types of substrates is disclosed. The process may be used to make decorated auto glass with additional indicia such as serial numbers, bar codes, and the like. The substrate with the applied coating may subsequently be shape formed and/or heat strengthened to produce a final product. The invention also provides a screen and a screen printed pattern which include a portion that is subsequently laser ablated to provide specific information such as serialization. In one embodiment, the screen printed and laser ablated glass substrate is fired. In another embodiment, screen printed patterns may be laser ablated with no subsequent heat treatment required.